

Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 8, 2026

Community Center 5:00 p.m.

Chairman Cushing called the meeting to order and noted that it was posted, published, and handicapped accessible in accordance with Wisconsin Open Meeting Laws. A moment of silence was observed to honor our troops here and abroad. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Chairman Cushing, Supervisor Verdoorn, and Clerk Myshchyshyn. Supervisor Fuhrman and Treasurer Kellner were away.

Motion by Verdoorn, second by Cushing to approve the agenda as read. Motion carried.

Motion by Verdoorn, second by Cushing to approve the minutes from August 10, 2026, regular board meeting minutes as posted. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report. Motion by Verdoorn, second by Cushing to accept the Treasurer's report as read. Motion carried.

Messages/Announcements/Correspondence/Bid Submissions: Clerk Myshchyshyn mentioned receiving a call from Derek Tritz of WJFW Channel 12 regarding the Frontier/Verizon phone discontinuation issue.

Public Input – taken during the meeting.

1. Town crew maintenance report – Scott Pockat – Mowing of roadsides is completed. The landfill has been mowed as well. The crew is working on replacing the necessary sign for the landfill. The crew is working on shoulder repair. The part-time summer help has ended. It is necessary to purchase new tires for the rear of the tractor. The board directed the crew to get an estimate, but it is not necessary for a board vote for purchase. There is a new dealer, Phoenix Bodyworx, for the chains for the new plow truck, and the crew would like to set up an account with them.
2. Plan Commission met on September 1, 2026, 10:00 a.m. in the conference room at the Hazelhurst Community Center. Eric Sonnleitner from the North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission gave a presentation. No action was taken. Motion by Carothers, second by Knoebel to approve a preliminary proposal to reconfigure Lot 6, Block A & B, in the recorded plat of Sylvan Shore in Government Lot 1, Section 3, T38N, R6E, Town of Hazelhurst, surveyed by James Rein, Wilderness Surveying, Inc. of lands owned by Gabriel L. Marsh. Motion carried. Next meeting will be Tuesday, October 6, 2026, 10:00 am at the Hazelhurst Community Center Conference Room.
3. Motion by Verdoorn, second by Cushing to approve a preliminary proposal to reconfigure Lot 6, Block A & B, in the recorded plat of Sylvan Shore in Government Lot 1, Section 3, T38N, R6E, Town of Hazelhurst, surveyed by James Rein, Wilderness Surveying, Inc. of lands owned by Gabriel L. Marsh. Motion carried.
4. Dr. Jamie Koepp, school administrator for Lakeland Union High School (LUHS), introduced himself and talked about his experience and plans for his tenure as the new administrator for LUHS.
5. Administrator/Principal, Robert Smudde of MHLT School discussed information about the referendum which will be on the November 3, 2026, ballot. The school is asking voters for \$3.5 million in perpetuity.
6. Norma Kuchler gave an update from the last Room Tax Commission meeting. Beef-a-Rama was discussed, putting investment into biking trails as biking has become very popular with tourists and applying for a GEM grant with Travel WI.
7. Veteran's Memorial Update – during the town's budget discussions, it will be decided how much can be spent on a new memorial.
8. Mick Toben gave an update on the Community Garden project. They still do not have a site, but Mick presented three options all of which are on town property. More to come.
9. Paul Strong, president of the Lake Katherine Association, discussed the association's wish to have more a partnership with the town to address issues at and on the lake like the boat landing deterioration issue.
10. Clerk Myshchyshyn discussed the need to update the cemetery ordinance. The original is from 1985 and has several ambiguities.
11. Discussion was held about the Frontier/Verizon discontinuation of phone and/or DSL services in our area. There is lots of confusing information about this problem and not many solutions for residents.

Chairman Cushing indicated that he would make sure that the County Board is aware and have then and other write letters to state officials about the issue.

12. Clerk Myshchyshyn gave an update on the town's website. The site is to go live later this day or the next.
13. Motion by Verdoorn, second by Cushing to approve the payment of bills. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m. Christy Myshchyshyn, Clerk